

**MINUTES**  
**DISABILITY SERVICES ADVISORY COUNCIL**  
Friday, May 17th, 2019, 10:00 – 11:15 a.m.  
Buford Room - Park Place Building  
859 Willamette Street Eugene, Oregon

**Members present** John Ahlen, Jeanne Barter (LILA, Subbing for Sheila Thomas), Joe Basey, Melanie Carlone, Hoover Chambliss, Lana Junger, *Chair*, Marianne Marlott, Ed Necker, *Vice Chair*, Tina Powell, Amy Scott, Peggy Thomas, Dennis Weirich, Lucy Zammarelli

**Excused** Sheila Thomas

**Staff** Emily Farrell, Brooke Emery, Tammy Lanz, Kate Scott

**Guests** Debbie Farr and Amanda Cobb, Trillium Community Health Plan/Live Healthy Lane

**1. Call to Order/Additions to Agenda/Introductions**

Ms. Lana Junger called the meeting to order at 9:59am. Those present introduced themselves.

**2. Consideration of Meeting Agenda**

The agenda was accepted by consensus.

**3. Consideration of March 15th, 2019 meeting minutes**

**MOTION:** Mr. Dennis Wierich moved, seconded by Ms. Tina Powell, to approve the March 15th, 2019 minutes. The motion carried.

**4. Community Health Improvement Plan: Live Healthy Lane Focus Group**

Ms. Debbie Farr from Trillium Community Health Plan introduced herself. She is the manager of community relations and was present at the meeting on behalf of Live Healthy Lane, which is part of the Community Health Improvement Plan (CHIP). They are working on the next iteration of their plan, so they are conducting a community health needs assessment. This meeting is a focus group as part of the assessment. Ms. Farr introduced Amanda Cobb. Ms. Cobb shared that she is the executive director of Medicaid with Trillium and she shares a seat with Ms.

Melanie Carlone arrived at 10:06am.

The primary purpose of the DSAC focus group was to gather thoughts and concerns from people with disabilities to include in the Live Healthy Lane needs assessment, which will then be used to develop the next CHIP. The questions focused on what DSAC members thought the biggest community needs were in Lane County. Themes that were discussed included affordable housing including additional supports for those experiencing homelessness, accessibility, affordable & healthy food, livable wages, mental health care, integration of health services such as integration of mental health with physical health services, lessening silos between agencies & within communities, and fostering healthy behaviors. The group also discussed communities and populations most impacted by these issues. The group discussed the impact to a wide range of people, including people with disabilities, older adults, those residing in rural areas, people of color, and minorities.

Mr. Hoover Chambliss and Ms. Kate Scott arrived at 10:33.

## **5. Better Together Grant Update**

Ms. Scott shared that many members of the grant subcommittee were present - Mr. Weirich, Ms. Junger, Mr. Basey and Ms. Thomas. They have been working on the grant and the rough draft went out to the team for review. She has received no edits back yet and is assuming it looks good. She has been working with Oregon Humanities to get the guest presenter scheduled. The person they are considering has a busy schedule and she is working to coordinate with the Hilyard Center schedule. It has been approved by Oregon Humanities to have the community conversation that was discussed at the last DSAC meeting. They are now waiting on the guest speaker to determine a date that will work. Ms. Scott is going to send off grant in the next week, after Ms. Farrell and the executive director, Brenda Wilson sign off on it. The date that she's trying to get is August 20th, 2019 in the afternoon, which is a Tuesday. However, this is not set in stone. Ms. Scott stated that they usually have their Advocacy Community meeting on Tuesdays. The speaker is booked almost every day so scheduling has been a challenge. Mr. Basey remarked that Ms. Scott should check with Carlie. Ms. Scott noted that it may not work with the Hilyard Center and the backup plan is to hold the event at the Willamalane Adult Activity Center in Springfield. Mr. Weirich inquired the name of the meeting. Ms. Scott responded Oregon Humanities Conversation Project.

## **6. Elder Abuse Awareness Month Activities Update**

Ms. Scott shared that June is Elder Abuse Awareness month. Like last year, they will be running bus ads with Lane Transit District. They are supplementing ads on the busses with 30 interior cards (the same ads you see inside the bus) Ms. Scott showed the ad that will be on 5 standard busses, stating "Help prevent elder abuse and neglect." A similar ad will be on the back of an EMX bus.

Ms. Scott presented a finished elder abuse awareness video. There are 30 second video and radio versions to be used as Public Service Announcements. Ms. Farrell stated they have been working with Adult Protective Services to clear their caseload in order to have the staff bandwidth to handle an increase in calls due to the ad campaign. Ms. Emery added they had hired several new APS workers recently that would also help with call increases. Ms. Emery shared that they have mandatory time frames for responses to calls.

Ms. Thomas brought up a concern that people could report someone to APS with bad intent, such as a form of harassment. Ms. Farrell responded that the agency is required to respond to every call that is received, whether it is a good faith or bad faith call. Anyone can file a complaint and S&DS will take a look at every call and make sure everyone is safe. Ms. Farrell added that there are civil legal options to file in court if harassment is occurring.

## **7. Call for Next Meeting Agenda Items & Reminder of Next Meeting**

July 19, 2019, 10:30AM – 11:15AM  
859 Willamette Street, 5th Floor Buford Meeting Room  
Eugene, OR 97401

## **8. Meeting adjourned at 11:20am.**

*(recorded by Rachel Moore)*